

## REMARKS

The claims are claims 1, 2, 3, 5 to 9, 11, 18 and 20 to 35.

Claims 1, 8 and 11 have been amended. Claims 4, 10, 12 to 17 and 19 are canceled. New claims 20 to 35 are added. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of canceled claim 17. Claim 8 has been amended to include an omitted comma. Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of canceled claim 19. New claims 20 to 27 correspond to the subject matter of respective claims 2, 18, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 except dependent upon claim 11. New claim 28 recites the subject matter of prior claims 1 and 2. New claims 29 to 35 correspond to the subject matter of respective claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 18 except dependent upon claim 28.

Paragraph 23 of the OFFICE ACTION stated that claim 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of its base claim. Amended claim 1 is of this scope and is accordingly allowable. Claims 2 and 18 are also allowable as noted in respective paragraphs 22 and 24 of the OFFICE ACTION. Claims 3 and 5 to 9 are allowable by dependency upon allowable claim 1.

Paragraph 25 of the OFFICE ACTION stated that claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of its base claim. Amended claim 11 is of this scope and is accordingly allowable. Claims 20 and 21, corresponding to claims 2 and 18, are also allowable as noted in respective paragraphs 22 and 24 of the OFFICE ACTION. Claims 22 to 27 are allowable by dependency upon allowable claim 11.

Paragraph 22 of the OFFICE ACTION stated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of its base claim. New claim 28 is of this scope and is accordingly allowable. Claims 29 to 34 are allowable by dependency

upon allowable claim 28. Claim 35, corresponding to claim 18, is allowable as noted in paragraph 24 of the OFFICE ACTION.

The Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this amendment. Entry of this amendment is proper at this time because the amendment places the claims in a state the Examiner has ruled allowable. Thus no new search or reconsideration is required.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all the present claims are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore early entry of this amendment, reconsideration and advance to issue are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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